

the rules, should not be asked. Wherever we find the word 'Ruling Family' it is disallowed.

PRESIDENT.

That need not be. For, wherever we find the words "Ruling Family", they need not *refer to* the Ruling Family. But if it *affects* the Ruling Family in any way, then it could not be answered or discussed.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

This anti-rabic treatment or poison treatment was going on in Trichur for the last so many years under the direct management of Kochunni Tampuran of Trichur, and His Highness wanted a peon or somebody, and wrote about it to the Government, and the request was refused. All I want to know is how the Government were not aware of the fact, even when there was a public protest meeting regarding the matter, and still the Government say that they are not aware of the anti-rabic treatment.

PRESIDENT.

Anyhow, they say that they have not got this in Cochin.

Volunteership in the Trichur Maternity Hospital.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

298. In answer to question No. 12 of the last session, the Government has stated that the conditions of Dr. A. R. Menon M. B. Ch. B., to work as an Honorary Surgeon in the Trichur Maternity Hospital were not acceptable.

Will the Government be pleased to state what were the conditions, and how they were not acceptable?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The conditions are given in Dr. A. R. Menon's petition copy of which is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

They have nothing to add to the answer already given.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Which is the condition that is not acceptable to the Government? The answer is to refer to Appendix II.

The answer is in question 12 where it is stated that Dr. A. R. Menon did not accept it. No papers are forthcoming, showing that the appointment in the King Edward Hospital was not acceptable to him. Then in regard to the latter question—how they were not acceptable—we have not known anything up till now. Which is the condition which is not acceptable to the Government?

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DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

All conditions put together. There are no specific conditions.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Is it that he is asking for no pay or allowance?

Dr. A. R. MENON.

Since the question is one which personally affects me, I shall bring to the notice of the Government certain facts. First of all, I did not apply to the Government for the post, but your predecessor asked me to apply for it. There are several written records, sent by your predecessor, substantiating my statement. I shall, after permission from the same person, reveal to this Council the order sent by your predecessor.

PRESIDENT.

The Chief Medical Officer cannot be expected to know all these. Are you in a position to say what the conditions are?

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Appendix II gives the conditions.

PRESIDENT.

From the Appendix, can you not say what are the conditions that are not acceptable to the Government?

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

That is the question which I put to the Government.

PRESIDENT.

What answer have you got?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

I want notice.

The Depressed Classes Development Society.**Mr. K. T. MATHEW.**

299. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) When was the Depressed Classes Development Society first organised;

(b) Whether it was organised at the initiative of the Government;

(c) Whether the Society was doing anything substantial to elevate the condition of the depressed classes in our State or outside before taking charge of the management of the Chalakkudi Pulaya Colony; and if so, what was it;

APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 287.)

Institutions	1100	European	Eurasian	Hindus	Muham madans	Otherclass- es
1. General Hospital	... 3,391	3	3	1,128	105	2,152
2. Women's do	... 1,542	...	14	398	85	1,045
3. Civil do	... 1,358	...	...	796	35	527
4. Maternity do	... 1,175	1	2	482	19	671
5. Central Jail do	... 17	...	...	9	2	6
6. Chalakkudi do	... 419	...	...	167	...	252
7. Kunnamkulam do	... 685	...	...	422	27	236
8. Irinjalakkuda do	... 399	...	...	237	16	146
9. Chittur do	... 86	...	...	68	3	15
10. Nemmara do	... 242	...	...	200	29	13

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 298.)

Dr. A. R. Menon's petition dated 11th August 1922.

I understand that there is a vacancy in the 'King Edward Memorial Hospital', Trichur. I request that the Diwan will be pleased to appoint me as an Honorary Surgeon to the said Hospital.

In this connection, I beg to suggest the conditions given below for the favourable consideration of the Diwan.

1. The Honorary Surgeon shall have all the powers and privileges of a Civil Surgeon directly under the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.
2. He shall receive no pay or allowance whatsoever.
3. He shall hold himself responsible to the Government as other Civil Surgeons are, in the matter of discipline, management and professional work.

I hold testimonials about character and professional efficiency from eminent Medical Men under whom I have served for more than six years.

If the Diwan will be pleased to confer upon me the surgeoncy, I shall spare no pains to secure the confidence of the public and of the Government.